

Re: Docket # 98 N-1038

July 13, 1999

"Irradiation in the Production, Processing
and Handling of Food"

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To the FDA,

I am writing to ask you to maintain & increase the labeling for irradiated food, both whole foods and ingredients. Labeling should be clear, large and honest, i.e. no pretty symbols or euphemisms but rather: "treated by irradiation," plain and simple.

The irradiation of food, a U.S. military development for emergency food supplies and expeditions, is not appropriate or safe for large scale commercial use and public consumption. Irradiation should not be a substitute for safe food handling and fresh food. At the very least, as citizens of a democratic nation, we deserve to know how our food has been processed.

You have no right to make any decision that deprives us of our right to choose food that we believe to be safer and more nutritious.

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(see flyer)

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Save the Canaries



Save the Canaries is a group of Maine residents who believe that we--and all organisms--are the modern equivalents of the canaries that were sent into coal mines to indicate when toxic chemicals were reaching lethal levels. Our goal is to promote an informed and involved citizenry.

We believe that people must first understand that a problem exists and affects them personally before they can work to find solutions to it.


We strive to make environmental issues that affect our health easy to understand and relate them to local interests as well as to the larger view.

Save the Canaries organizes community teach-ins and outreach activities in order to raise community awareness of the effects of toxics in the environment on human health.

Save this date!

Teach-In 2000 is March 18th

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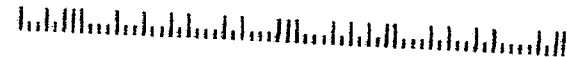

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